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Icy swim convinces couple to take the plunge

CASEY LESSARD

Staff Reporter

Margaret Harris and Art Latimer are going to take the plunge – but this time it will be planned.

The two have set a wedding

date after surviving a fall through the ice on their snowmobile at Birch Narrows while trying to move their fishing hut on March 20.

"The ice was too thin," Harris said. "We were doing fine, then Art noticed there was a hole and

started going left, but it was too late and that was it. One second is all it takes. One second and you're down."

"It was pretty scary. My son had taken ice rescue, and I thought, if he were here, what would he be doing? I remember

that he said you should kick to get out. But Art was kicking – and breaking the ice – so we were going further in."

The situation was worsening, but they both stayed calm and focused on getting out. They were a fair distance from the

shore so they weren't going to get out on their own.

"It was cold," Harris said. "But you're not really thinking about the cold. You're thinking about survival."

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Federal politicking endangers Wee Care's expansion

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Unbeknownst to a group of toddlers skimming down a small yellow slide at the Wee Care Day Nursery in Haliburton, a political battle is brewing.

As the toddlers stare at each other with their wide-eyed naivety and endearing innocence, daycare workers and opposition parties are headed for a fierce fight with the Harper government, which has said it will cancel the \$5-billion deal the federal Liberals struck with the provinces last year – a deal many say would have invigorated a hamstrung child-care system.

"It's really sad to see," says Tanya Cowen, Wee Care's supervisor. "Things came so far. There had been talk about changes in daycare for so many years and now that it has actually happened, it's gone."

The federal deal was to provide funding for Ontario's Best Start Plan, a program, just underway, that Cowen says would have created more child-care spaces, made it easier for less fortunate parents to attain subsidies, and increased salaries for staff. (Cowen says her staff of certified early childhood educators, who undergo two years of college training,

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Ryan Reesor tries to avoid going through the ice, which The Diving Co. owner Tony Aymong has already done. The two, with Aymong's wife Carol Moffatt, spent Thursday afternoon recovering the ice fishing hut and snow machine that fell through the ice at Birch Narrows last Monday. Margaret Harris and Art Latimer also fell through the ice, but survived without injury.

Good Times aren't necessarily over in Wilberforce

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The death of Country Good Times, while mourned, is also being seen as an opportunity to offer even more reasons to visit Wilberforce in the summer.

Instead of having so many volunteers tied up by the annual three-day carnival, event organizers hope they'll be able to re-energize the community by hosting smaller, one-day events.

"Everything runs its course and it was time for a change," says Mary Barker, a member of

the Monmouth recreation committee, which decided to cancel Country Good Times at its last meeting. "We want something on every weekend and have different groups involved rather than have the same thing every year."

Last year Country Good Times celebrated its 30th anniversary but it was more with a whimper than a bang. Crowds were down and many of the people who did show up commented that the event was getting tired, with too many of the same things being offered

year after year. Only four volunteers showed up at the last organizational meeting before the weekend and not many people came forward to work on planning this year's event.

Country Good Times also lost \$4,000 for the municipality of Highlands East.

Rick Forget, Monmouth's councillor and a past chairman of the recreation committee, says the loss was the result of a series of factors. New rules and regulations make the event more expensive to run. For instance, when a ride is set up

the municipality now has to pay for an electrical inspection. The loss of the arena as a venue – there's summer ice for a nearby hockey school – means there was no place to hold large events, such as the wrestling competition or dances. These large events were also large money makers. As well, fewer people drink a lot at such public events and alcohol sales were an important revenue-generator.

"When we had the dance with the Lincolnnaires there were only 60 people and the OPP put

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New photographer has big shoes to fill

CASEY LESSARD

Staff Reporter

For the past three weeks I've been told how great Darren Lum is. I hear I have big shoes to fill, and from what I can see, I agree. Darren has made a big impact on this community, and I know he'll be missed.

I first met Darren in October at a conference in Toronto. I had seen his name listed with mine in the top three of a competition the year before, and also saw his name many times elsewhere in the same competition (mine only appeared once). The *Echo* and the *Times* have won many awards in the past five years, and a lot of them bear Darren Lum's name.

He's the kind of guy other photographers envy.

The weekend I met him, I had just quit my television news-writing job to pursue a freelance photography career, and we talked about what that would be like. He said it was an option some day; I told him to keep in touch so I could tell him what worked and what

didn't (for me, the freedom to do what I wanted worked, but the financial plan didn't).

Four months passed, and my bank account begged to be filled. My heart pleaded for fulfilling work at a good newspaper. Darren Lum came to my rescue.

By leaving, Darren has given me an opportunity to become part of a new community and to become a better photographer. I imagine the same is true for him.

After only three weeks in town, I already feel how easy it is to become a member of this community. The people are friendly and there's usually something going on. In other words, it's the perfect situation for a photojournalist like me.

I've worked in radio, TV, and for newspapers in all sizes of towns and cities, from Elmira, Ontario to London, England (with Toronto, Kitchener and London, Ontario in between). The work is usually the same, but I'm only now learning that wherever you go, what you get out of the situation is in your control. It's an idea I've ignored for too long.

So here's to meeting all of you, and to capturing moments in your lives that best reflect what it's like to live here with you. I hope you'll all welcome me the way so many already have.

And if you see me on the street with my camera and size 11 shoes, just keep in mind I'm doing my best to fill them.



Casey Lessard has brought his camera and his talent to the *Haliburton County Echo* and *Minden Times*.
Martha Perkins photo

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Budget money welcome, even if it's not enough

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The provincial budget is getting mixed reviews by recipients of the government's largesse, or lack thereof.

"It's obvious that [Premier Dalton] McGuinty is looking after the people of Toronto and he's certainly ignored rural Ontario," says Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon. "He's looking after 416 and 905. If that's the way he's going to play the game to get re-elected..."

"At least he didn't increase taxes," says Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman. "Hopefully we'll get in on some of the roads construction money for bridges and roads because that's where we need the money. We're still waiting for money for our water system in Wilberforce."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey says his municipality will be getting \$221,000, which "will look after at least one of our bridges." The county will receive \$640,000 for roads and bridges.

"We could always use a lot more but it's moving in a positive direction," he said. "Six-hundred-forty-thousand dollars is \$640,000 we didn't have before."

"I'm reasonably pleased," says Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "The county was treated fairly and so were we. It's never enough but you can't complain without also saying thanks."

She agrees with McMahon that the budget favours the Greater Toronto Area but she's not as upset about it.

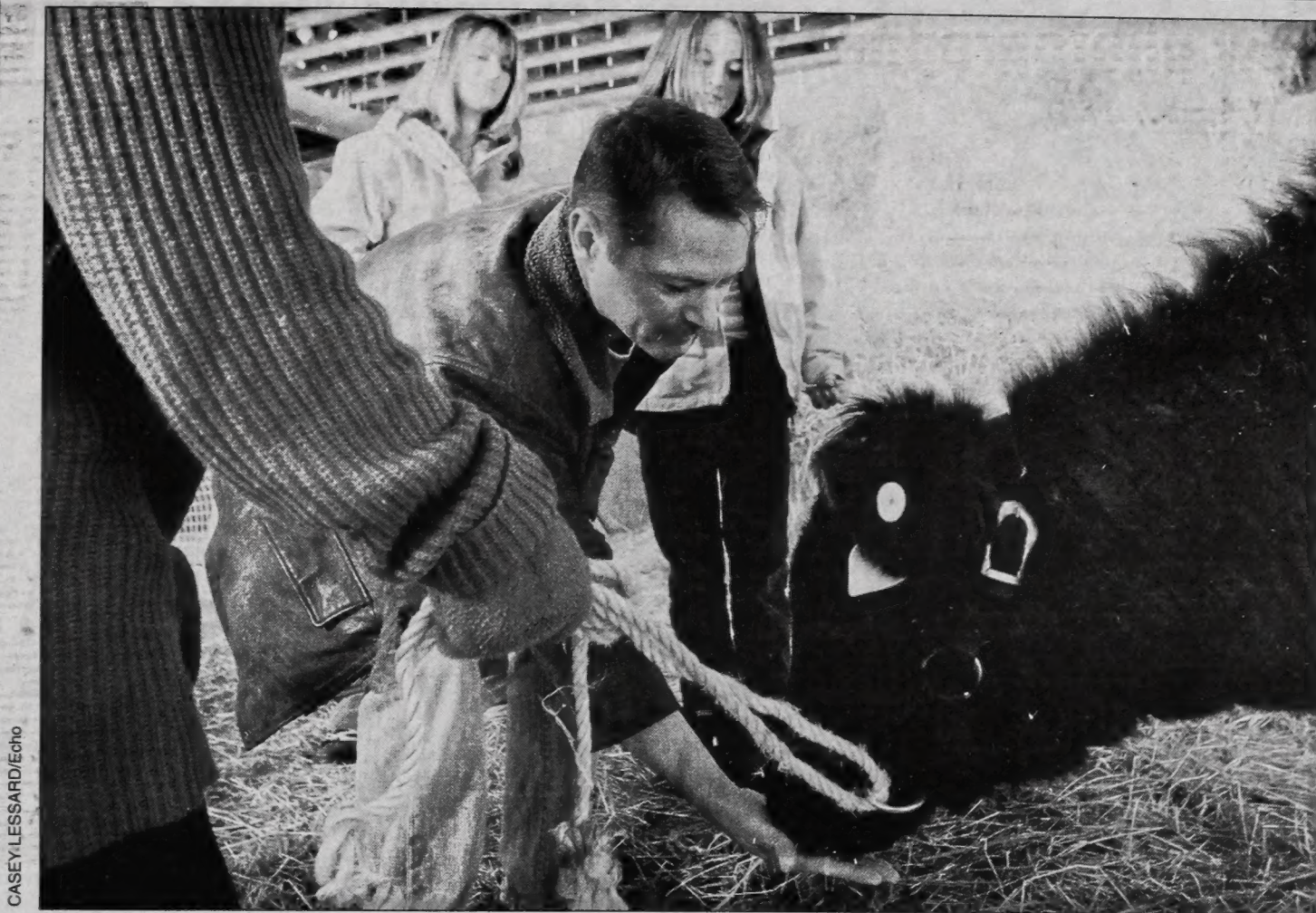
"If I was the mayor of Toronto or Mississauga I'd be extremely happy but they're having the most problems, too," she says.

As much as she's grateful for the money this county will receive in this budget, she's not letting the province off the hook. "We won't stop pushing for more," she says.

Kathy Verduyn, the director of education for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, is very pleased about the 2.5 per cent increase in overall funding for education.

Priorities will be grants for student needs and the student success program designed to keep students in school.

"There's more money going into education to cover costs that we know are going to be there, such as the new collective agreement," she says.



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

Art of Farming

David Lowthian, of Belleville, feeds Stella the cow at Waverley Brook Farm (south of Haliburton) while daughters Marina, 14, and Amanda, 12, watch. Godfrey and Jean Tyler run the farm, which offers an Art of Farming workshop for anyone interested in experiencing the four-season, sustainable farm lifestyle.

Fleming welcomes students back Monday

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

A sprinkling of teachers and students casually strolled through the front foyer of Fleming College yesterday, providing the first physical evidence that the three-week-old teachers' strike had finally come to an end.

The initial signs of school activity followed the announcement late Friday night that union and college negotiators had agreed on mediation-arbitration to resolve their outstanding issues, meaning 150,000 students across Ontario are flooding back to class this week.

"I was ecstatic," says Fleming College Principal Barb Bolin, describing her first reaction to the news, "because students need to have some clear message about when the year will be finished and we were anxious to get that in place for both faculty and students."

Fleming officials called each student on Saturday to notify them about when their respective programs were set to resume. Most students were set to return to class on Wednesday – as is the case for the majority of students in the province –

but because of the smaller class sizes at the Haliburton campus, certain programs were already back in action yesterday and today.

This created confusion for students who were monitoring the Fleming College website, which told them classes would resume on Wednesday. Nicole Crolick, a 22-year-old student from Brampton, says she didn't receive the message that her jewellery class would resume on Monday until the day before. That meant scurrying to pack her things to make the three-and-a-half-hour drive from her hometown back to Haliburton.

"They gave us one day to come back here," says Crolick.

Exactly how each program will make up for the lost time is something Bolin's staff is presently working out. Some programs will be extended by up to three weeks while others will be compressed through either evening or weekend work. Either option presents problems for students. Melissa Meden, also a jewellery student, says going to class six days a week is not possible for some.

"A lot of people in our class go home for the weekends," says the 22-year-old

Meden, also a Brampton native. "They don't normally stay here."

The bigger worry for these students is that they will have to fork out another month's rent should the semester run into May.

"We had to pay rent when we were gone and now we may have to pay for another month," says Crolick.

Bob Smith, a teacher in the academic upgrading program, says some of the lost study time could have been reduced if college management agreed to the form of arbitration earlier.

"It should have happened earlier," says Smith. "The union proposed that on Wednesday. It was them that delayed it until Friday."

The strike began March 7, when over 9000 teachers, librarians, and counsellors – represented by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union – walked off the job. One of the main issues for Ontario teachers is class size, something that is not a significant problem for the Haliburton campus. However, many students and staff here have stated they saw the strike as a show of support for the broader cause.



Spring splash

It took a lot of nerve to take part in the annual Spring Splash at Sir Sam's Ski Area on Saturday and even more to do it in a bathing suit. For 60 young skiers the season wrapped up by trying to make it across a puddle at the bottom of the hill without getting wet. Martha Perkins photos.

New detachment commander wants strong community relations

BRYN WEESE

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands OPP has a new boss with the appointment of Jim Peterkin as the detachment commander.

For Peterkin, a policeman since the age of 18, this will be his first posting as a full-time detachment commander, after serving several interim detachment commander postings.

"I'm excited," says Peterkin about his new job in the Highlands that began on Monday. "There's a brand new building, there are good people that work at the detachment and I'm looking forward to adding to providing good police service to Haliburton County."

Peterkin says it was both the area and the job that attracted him to the Haliburton detachment.

"I realized that I needed to develop myself and gather some field experience," he says. "I've worked at headquarters [in Orillia] on and off since 1999, and now it's time to get some detachment commander experience at field level."

Since January of this year, Peterkin had been working as OPP standards manager in Orillia, a job in which he managed 134 people. "So I've got some human

resources experience," he laughs.

In addition to staff management, Peterkin also prides himself on his commitment to the communities in which he has served, something he plans to continue in the Highlands. In previous postings, he has been involved with the Orillia Winter Carnival, the Special Olympics World Winter Games and lacrosse as a referee.

"I think the police are part of the community and it's important to have a strong relationship between the police and the community and to show everyone that we are normal folks just like your neighbour," he says. "I am aware of the issues facing the municipalities and the importance of seeing the police officer, knowing your police officers and putting a face to the name."

He and his wife have already been looking at real estate in the area and they plan to move here in the near future.

Born in the town of Wallaceburg in southwestern Ontario, Peterkin has worked as a police officer in Collingwood, the Chatham-Kent area, Dufferin County and, most recently, at the OPP general headquarters in Orillia. It is his experience in Dufferin County (northwest of Toronto) that he thinks will be a real asset to his work in the Highlands.



BRYN WEESE/ECHO

Jim Peterkin is enjoying his first day on the job as the new detachment commander of the Haliburton Highlands OPP. With plans to move to the area soon, he is looking forward to becoming actively involved in the community.

Both have similar-sized detachments and both are similar in the area they cover.

"[Dufferin County] has got the same type of issues as Haliburton," he says. "A large area and limited staff. So I am familiar with those types of challenges."

But however excited Peterkin is to lead the local OPP detachment, he does recognize one major challenge ahead.

Peterkin is determined to do his best to meet the high expectations left by former Detachment Commander Bob Walli.

"I know that I have big shoes to fill," he says. "I'm friends with Bob and I am familiar with the fact that Bob is very well liked in the community."

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Actors Tim Nicholson and Elke Ross rehearse a scene from *Here on the Flight Path*, a Norm Foster play about a divorced man and his comic attempts to connect with women. The play is being stage at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion from March 29-April 1.

CASEY LESSARD/Echo



'Wickedly funny' play takes on the male psyche

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Highlands Little Theatre is wrapping up rehearsals and is set to stage its production of Norm Foster's *Here on the Flight Path*, a play about a divorced middle-aged man and his comical attempts at connecting to the opposite sex.

"It's very funny," says director Caryl Miller. "Wickedly funny. Risqué. Definitely not suitable for kids. It's not offensive or overtly rude but it is probably the boldest thing I think we have staged in Haliburton."

The action centres around the character of John Cummings, a newspaper columnist who takes up residence on the fourth floor of a Toronto apartment

building. It's there that John encounters three different women – a prostitute, an aspiring entertainer, and a divorcee who just recently left her husband – over a three-and-a-half-year period.

The play's conversations, which have a wit and energy that keep the play moving at a rhythmic pace, all take place on the terrace that connects the two apartments.

"The dialogue flows easily," says Miller. "It doesn't demand a great deal from the audience. Sometimes when you go to a show it demands more from an audience than they are prepared to give. With this, they just sit back and let it wash over them."

Miller describes John as a caricature of every male character who has ever been written. He drinks too much. He plays

golf too much. His social life is overly dependent on hanging out with his buddies. And he doesn't understand why his wife left him.

"John Cummings is every man who never grew up," says Tim Nicholson, the actor who plays John. "Mentally, he's never gotten beyond 19."

Nicholson can't help but laugh at how accurately Foster reflects the fumbling foibles of the modern man.

"There's a piece of John in every single man I know," he says. "Norm has a really good grip on the Canadian male psyche – it's pretty sad actually."

Norm Foster, Canada's most prolific and produced playwright, is often compared to Neil Simon. A *Globe and Mail* article from a couple of years ago reported that more than 100 theatre companies

were mounting his productions every year in North America.

Foster's plays are character-driven and have an almost Woody Allen fluency to them. They also address many of the same neuroses and humour that Allen hits in his own work.

Elke Ross, who plays the street-smart hooker Fay, suggests that what makes Foster's plays work is that beneath the humour there is truth. "I think [Foster] has a really good insight into people and he develops his characters really well."

The production runs March 29-April 1 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion with a curtain time of 8 p.m.. Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained by calling Caryl Miller at 754-1919 or Curtis Eastmure at 457-9778. Tickets are also available at the door.

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The guilt trips may have hit a dead end but in 2006 the politicking continues. The federal daycare debate has undertones of ideology: the Liberals supporting those women who want to go back to work knowing that their children are being cared for by professionals in a safe environment and the Tories supporting those women who decide to either stay at home with their children or find less formal care options.

By pitting the two groups – mothers who return to work and mothers who stay at home – against each other we are demeaning and devaluing the work done by everyone who cares for children.

The problem with the Liberal approach is that it ignores the financial needs of families who do not opt for formalized daycare. The problem with the Tory approach is that there is no sense giving families \$1,200 to spend on daycare if there are no daycare spaces available. What's needed, almost, is a combination of the two approaches.

The Liberals' investment in physical infrastructure needs to go ahead, as does the recognition that people who are entrusted with taking care of children in daycares deserve to be paid more. Not only are more daycare spaces needed but there will be huge financial repercussions should the Tories renege on the deal hammered out with the provinces.

Not all families have access to informal care, whether it's the woman in the neighbourhood who takes care of children in her home or relatives who help out. They need to be able to enroll their children in a daycare program rather than be forced to accept less desirable options – or be faced with no option at all.

Mothers who stay at home, or who prefer alternative daycare, also need a financial break (although taxing back some of the \$1,200 Tory childcare payment is hardly giving them much of a break.) They are foregoing income by staying at home.

Women who go back to work after a child is born do so for a myriad of reasons, some financial, some personal. We cannot change – or even wish to change – something that has become the predominant social trend. But we can support families in whatever decision they make, knowing that by caring for and about children when they are younger, we're also thinking about ourselves when they are older.

Rural vs urban

When the Tories were in power, urban dwellers called for a change in how we elect provincial governments because they felt rural ridings had an unfair advantage. Why, if most of the population lived in cities, did rural voters have the right to sway the results because of the way electoral boundaries were carved up.

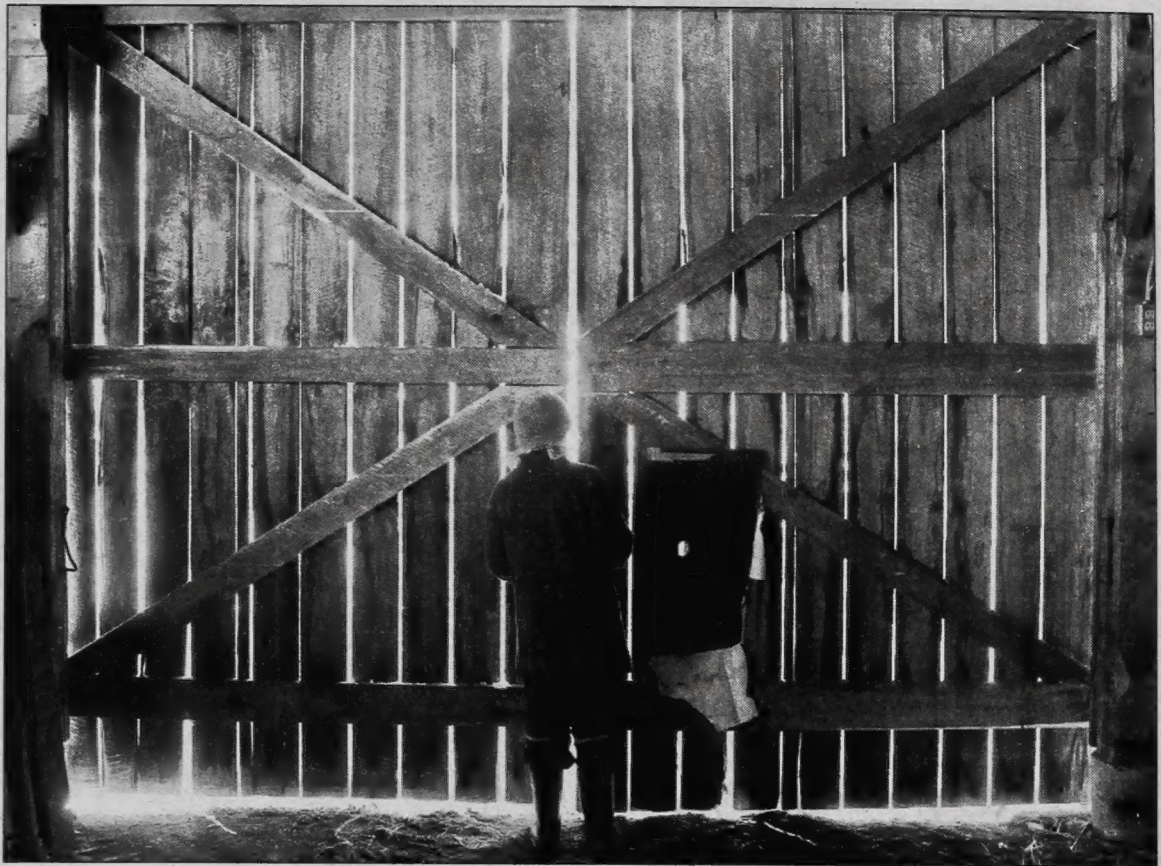
Now with the Liberals, rural ridings say that they are being ignored. All the money, all the attention, is going to the cities. Why doesn't anyone care about us?

People in the cities need people in the country, and vice versa. We in Haliburton have to care about what happens in Toronto; we need it to run effectively. It's not us versus them. It's all of us working together.

echo

editorial

martha perkins



Spring arrives at Waverly Brook Farm

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Where there's smoke

Run for the water! For goodness sake, run for the water man!" I guess I knew that the young person on TV couldn't hear me but it didn't stop me from trying to help.

"Now why would you want the Olympic torch bearer to run for water?" my wife asked while peering over her romance novel.

"Olympics? Torch? Oh, well that's different. I thought this was a show about the hazards of building campfires."

Of course, this was a mistake any veteran of the outdoors would have made. After all, that world-class athlete was running at speeds that almost approached those attained by a smouldering, middle-aged outdoorsman. And, believe me, I should know.

That conversation took place a while ago, but it's for reasons such as this that I was both exhilarated and nervous when my wife presented me with a quality outdoors lighter for my birthday last week. Actually lighter might not be the right word. It is more like a flamethrower that fits in your pocket. In fact, I believe I could complete a transcontinental hot air balloon race with it.

She meant well.

The problem with a gizmo like this is that an outdoorsman such as myself will look for excuses to use it. Admittedly, it's not the most efficient way to barbecue steak, but it works.

Moreover, having a piece of kit like this just encourages a person to be more active. Which is why I went for a walk the other day hoping that the urgent need to start a campfire would materialize.

"Does anyone have any marshmallows that need toasting?" I asked nonchalantly. Then, a few minutes later, "Is anyone here about to give birth? If so, I would be glad to boil the water. Anyone?"

My two dogs merely looked at me like I was some sort of idiot. This was to be expected since, unlike outdoorsmen, dogs have very little appreciation for campfires. In fact, they view them as a horrible waste of chewing sticks. If you ever doubt this, try to build a tipi fire in front of a dog. Every time you turn your back they'll rescue a stick.

Despite this, my new lighter opens up a world of possibilities. Never again will I have to rub two sticks together. By the way, if you think this is a hard way

of starting a fire, you should try it with a dog attached to each stick.

Now, every time I go out into the woods, I won't even have to bring matches along or wait beside tall trees during electrical storms. I'll have the lighter in my pocket, which is just like saying that, perhaps for the first time in my life, I'll have fire right there in my pants.

The best part is, every time I use the lighter, I'll get this warm feeling – and not just because I lost a set of eyebrows. No, it will be because I'll remember that my wife thought enough of me to trust me with this potentially hazardous gift.

I guess she's finally seeing that I'm a little more responsible than she formerly gave me credit for. Maybe she's realizing that at 44, I'm no longer just a goofy, immature kid.

Still, I'm not going to use it again until we get some open water.

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Spring fishing

CAN WE GO NOW, DAD – please!” came the impatient cry by the back door. Sadie had been trying to contain her excitement all afternoon but she was tired of waiting. She and her dad were going fishing for pickerel and now, just as they were about to leave the house, the phone rang. Tom had reached a long arm out to answer it and his daughter’s heart had sunk. She was thinking they would never get out to the lake.

But Tom was mindful of Sadie’s worries and after only a brief exchange, he hung up. “OK kiddo,” he said. “Let’s go.”

It was a beautiful day. The new spring sky was a smooth light blue and filled with the cries of geese. Mud as thick as chocolate pudding was just about everywhere and where there was no mud, the snow lay in dirty heaps amongst the shadows and evergreens. Crows and finches rustled about the trees and everywhere was the loamy smell of the earth awakening.



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Tom parked his truck by the public launch and then the two of them headed for their favourite spot. Ever since Tom had been a boy himself, fishing with his dad, he had come here to fish for pickerel in March. The ice had pulled away from the shore enough to get a couple of lines into the water. Out there, in the tall grasses, the fish moved like green ghosts, elusive and sought after. “Mind where you step Sadie,” Tom reminded her, for the mud could grab hold of even an adult’s boots and not let go. With a little luck, they’d catch their supper. The only thing Tom and Sadie liked almost as much as catching fish was eating it.

Tom knew at some point in the future, Sadie’s interests might switch from fish to boys but for now he felt lucky to have her with him. She was quiet by the water and comfortable with her gear, rarely needing his assistance. With his busy work schedule and all her activities, fishing was the best opportunity they had to spend time together without interruption. He also liked to know his love of the outdoors and especially fishing, was being passed down to his daughter.

Spring fishing had always been special to Tom. Back in the days when he was just a lad, he used to watch his uncle and cousins spearing suckers in the river. His aunt canned them in mason jars and they tasted like pink salmon to young Tom. All he had to do was hear the roar of the river’s rapids and smell its smooth rocks damp from spray, to again see the men and boys, chest high in waders, moving through the water. They had to be fast and sure-footed at the same time for the wet moss could be more slippery than ice and the water just as cold. Anyone getting a soaker would receive no sympathy from the others and have to shiver through until the fishing was done.

There was usually an audience of old folks and the occasional girlfriend on shore who marveled at the speed and strength of those in the river. One year two cottage children from down the road had stumbled on the scene and had stood under the cedars watching as well. After a while they had been brave enough to venture a look at the pile of suckers on shore. They had reacted with disgust at the sight of the fishes’ ugly, puckered mouths. Still, they had stayed on, watching.

Now, as Tom stood a little apart from Sadie, watching her rumpled hair catch the late afternoon sunlight, he thought of the first time she had eaten fresh smelt. It had been around this time of year when Tom and his brother had dipped their nets into the trickle-turned-stream. The smelts had glistened when they lifted them streaming from the water. Sadie had been fascinated by these little fish Tom cleaned with scissors then coated in flour and fried up in a pan that very night. She almost didn’t taste them and then was glad she did. That was when she started to get really interested in fishing of every kind.

It was after that spring night of smelt that they began fishing together. Sometimes Tom’s brother or one of the cousins would join them but father and daughter were always a part of the group. It was their time.

The only exception had been when Sadie had tried ice fishing with her uncle two winters ago. While she had liked the quiet and wide open spaces out there on the white lake, she wanted something else to look at. That was how she explained it to Tom later when he had asked her how it had gone. Tom knew what she meant. He was much too busy to ice fish himself and had never really taken to it in any event.

Tom was pretty confident they’d catch their limit today. And maybe, he thought, looking over at his daughter’s head again, Sadie was old enough to learn what to do with the fish after she catches it but before she can cook it. “Hey, Sadie,” he said. “are you ready to learn about blood and guts?” She looked up and smiled. She knew exactly what he meant.



pic of the past

IN THE 1940S, members of the Haliburton Garage Operators’ Association gathered at the Grand Central Hotel. One of the members was Tom Chambers, middle row, far left. He owned Chambers Motors, where Sharpley’s Source for Sports is now located. He was killed in the Bank of Montreal fire on Haliburton’s main street in 1956. See the feature on page 12 for more details.

letters to the editor

York St. taxi stand not good for seniors

To the Editor:

RE: Taxi Stand on York Street.

This seems to me to be one of the most poorly thought out ideas that Dysart et al council could possibly conceive. To begin with, it’s always been my understanding of the traffic act that if a licensed driver is behind the wheel a car is not parked, but is stopped. Are they going to put no-stopping signs along main street?

After just having come through a winter of experiencing first-hand what it’s like to try and manage without a car, let me assure you, it’s no fun lugging parcels on bad streets. Now council seems to want to add to the seniors’ problems by expecting them to walk to York Street, or be forced to walk across the street and all the way

through the I.G.A. parking lot, just to get a cab.

As to the merchants complaining about the cabs sitting in front of their stores, what is the difference between a cab that is there to pick up your customers or my own car so I can shop in your stores. If I need something that you are selling, I’m going to get to your store whether or not there is a cab sitting there. It would be another matter if the main street looked like a cab convention, but neither my husband nor I, nor anyone we’ve spoken to about it, can ever recall it appearing that way.

I doubt very much the Dysart et al can enforce a \$50 fine as I don’t think it would be legal.

Lenore Wright
Haliburton

Strike wasn’t the way to solve conflict

To the Editor:

RE: “Strike is about class sizes, not faculty pay-cheque.”

As a full-time college student who has been out of school for three weeks due to the strike, I have had a lot of time to follow the news and update myself on the goals, motivations and frustrations of both parties. Both sides seem to have some valid points and concerns, so the problem is not in what the college faculty wants and what management is denying them. The problem is the

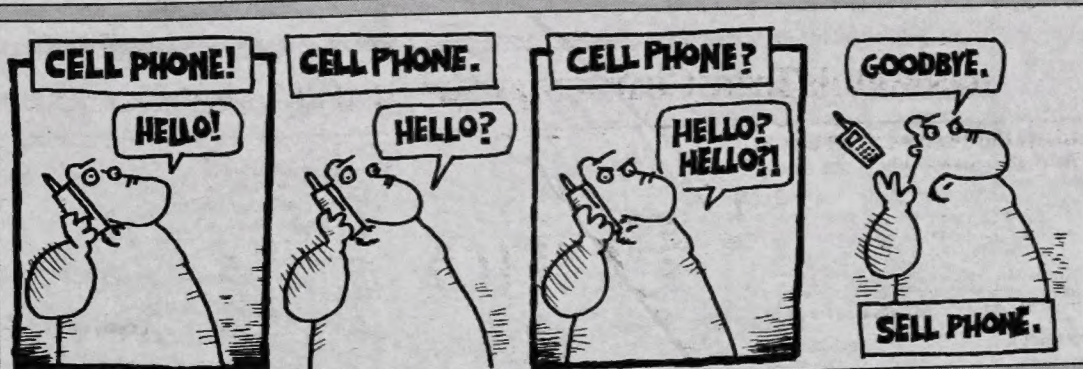
appalling and destructive way this conflict has been handled.

Regardless of what the situation is and who is responsible for what, it has been well demonstrated to everyone that intentionally or not, students are being hurt by this strike. Three weeks of cancelled classes and college placements are not bringing anyone closer to a quality education, and the prospect of an extended, semester causes a host of problems for any student who plans the year (financially and otherwise) around finishing

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Happy 40th Birthday, Charlie!

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Stop pointing fingers and start taking responsibility for actions

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school at the end of April.

Bob Smith pointed out last week that in this particular strike case, both the employees and the public are losing. I find it sad that if so many people are being hurt by this situation, nobody (college faculty, management, government or otherwise) managed to come up with a less harmful and more effective method of conflict resolution.

Both strike parties, as educated, professional groups of people, have the ability to voice concerns, discuss and negotiate, and reach realistic, viable solutions without walking out on an innocent third party, or subjecting themselves to lost income and other inconveniences.

Ultimately, everyone needs to stop pointing fingers and making accusations. If the college faculty, management and government want a resolution, they all need to take responsibility for their actions (and the consequences of their actions) and find a new way to resolve conflicts.

Alison King,
Wilberforce

Selling not the way to afford property taxes

To the Editor:

It is probably with a lot of trepidation that lakeside owners are feeling as they open their new tax bill. How are they going to pay it? Do they maintain or sell? Is there anything they can do about it?

I am left with the impression that a lot of people think the majority of lake front owners are extremely well off and can afford to pay hefty taxes to support the local government. Let me tell you from first-hand knowledge that this is not the case. Some of these owners bought years ago at a low price. Others have scrimped and saved over the years to get their little bit of heaven upon retirement. Scores of these same people live on a fixed income. Some properties have been passed down for generations and are now in the hands of people who cannot afford thousands more in taxes. Why should these people be forced to sell?

What can be done about it? Not much at present. Your local government does not care. For every lake front property there are seven buyers with money, willing to move in and pay the taxes. Taxes should be based on income after deductions, the same as income tax, not as they are now on equity. Property value is not worth

a dime to the owner until they sell. They can't use it to pay the taxes.

There is one way you owners can make an impression. There is a municipal election coming up soon and a provincial one soon after. Find out who on council voted to raise the taxes. They would soon know the meaning of what goes around comes around.

Ted Cumber
Haliburton

Farmers in the headlines

To the Editor:

Here's a Headline for the year 3006: After the death of millions of Canadians due to starvation, the Government has at last stopped playing politics and ordered the demolition of millions of buildings to make way for farm land.

Headline 2006: Support Canadian Farmers, buy Canadian produce!

Ian Alfred Holland,
Haliburton

Alcohol sales no longer source of profit

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a paddy wagon in the middle of the street [to discourage drinkers]," Forget said. Not that people need much

discouragement. At the wrestling event a few years ago, he barely sold two cases of beer. "I've had house parties with more alcohol than I purchased for Country Good Times."

Another factor may be the village's declining youth population. There used to be 135 students at Wilberforce Elementary School; now there are 85.

He has not heard many negative comments from the community since the decision was announced last week.

Mary Barker says that Country Good Times didn't have much of an economic impact on her family's main street business, Agnew's General Store.

"If local people weren't stuck having to work on the weekend they all left town," she says, "and I don't know if cottagers came up especially for the weekend."

"We didn't notice that Country Good Times helped us financially but it helped the image of the community. It made it some place to be."

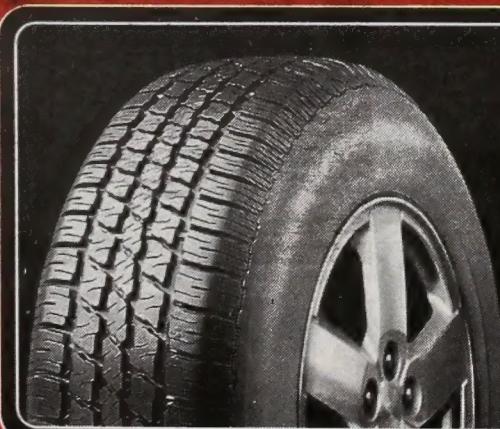
"It's a shame," says Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman about the death of the event. "It's sad to see it go. It's been a real boon to the community but in the last couple of years it hasn't been as large. It's not that people don't want to [volunteer], they just can't find time."

He notes that other event, such as the upcoming MapleFest weekend and the Monmouth Agricultural Fair are growing in popularity so he is not discouraged about the village's ability to host events.

Barker and Forget, and other committee members, are excited about the possibilities that exist now that so much of volunteer time is not being drained by the weekend. By hosting different events the village will be able to attract more volunteers who don't have to worry about giving up so much of their time.

But Forget says that Country Good Times may not be dead. It could be simply resting. "I think people will miss it. Maybe this is what it will take to attract more volunteers."

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Conservatives say more families benefit from their plan

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With no program available for infants and a toddler program already at capacity, the arrival of government funding would have remedied a number of Wee Care's pressing needs. The centre also would have also been relocated to a brand new daycare facility next to Stuart Baker Elementary.

"It sucks for everyone involved, the kids especially," says Cowen.

Stephen Harper's Conservatives campaigned on a promise to dispose of the childcare program, a five-year agreement established by their Liberal predecessors with Ontario, Manitoba, and Quebec, and agreed upon in principle with the seven other provinces on a one-year basis. The Tories promised direct, taxable payments of \$1,200 a year for each child under the age of six. In Haliburton County, that's equivalent to about two months in a local daycare centre.

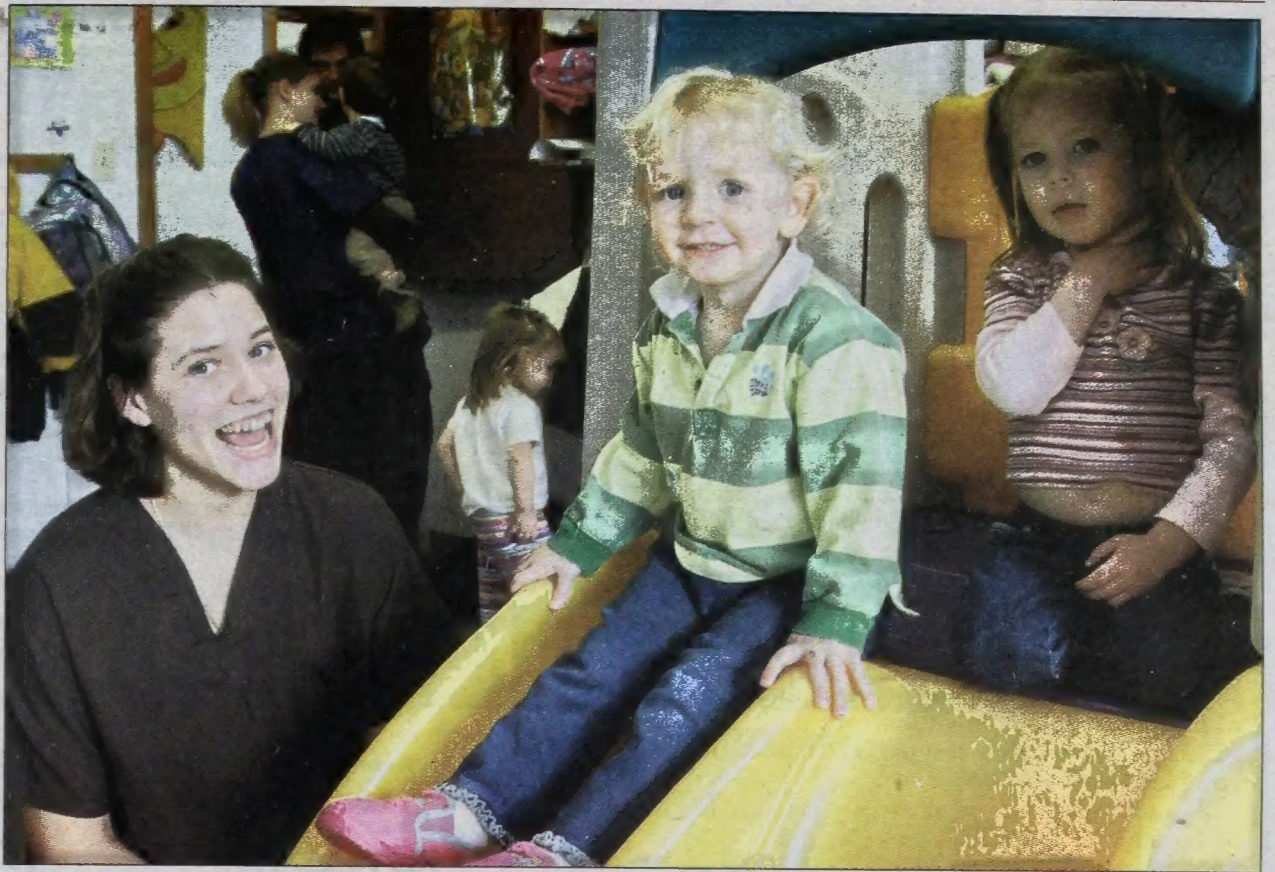
Local Conservative MP Barry Devolin says his party's plan costs roughly the same amount as the Liberal deal, but distributes it more fairly to the public.

"What we are saying is that we want to channel the resources through the parents so they can decide whether they want to pay for full-time care, casual care, or whether they want to stay home with their kids," says Devolin.

Devolin, who is set to be back in Parliament April 3, believes the Liberal plan would have done virtually nothing for the vast majority of parents in rural areas like Haliburton.

"Monday to Friday, nine-to-five daycare does nothing for someone who does shift work or for people who live far away from school facilities," Devolin says.

Critics say \$1,200 a year is not enough and that the government is being short-sighted in its overall vision



LANCE CROSSLEY/Echo

Teacher's aide Sara Sisson keeps an eye on some toddlers at the Wee Care Day Nursery. The Haliburton daycare centre would have reaped a number of benefits from a childcare deal struck last year that the Conservative government plans to scrap.

for Canadian children.

"The problem with childcare is that with these little guys, you are not going to see any result from our work for another 20 to 30 years," says Gord Hoenow, supervisor at the Ontario Early Years Children's Learning Centre in Minden. "These could be future prime ministers but we're not going to see that now. It's a long-term goal and it just doesn't get as much money out of government as other short-term issues."

The Minden daycare facility, which is in an unassuming house in a residential area, was also in the process of being awarded a brand new building.

Most daycares are retrofitted buildings that once had other uses, so a new facility would have been significant, says Hoenow. The new centre was to be located next to Archie Stouffer Elementary, which would have formed a partnership with the school board and given daycare staff access to school facilities such as the gymnasium and schoolyard. It also would have been customized especially for children, exhibiting tiny architectural details like lower windows for toddlers to gaze out of.

"It would make an incredible difference, but now that's pretty well shot by the wayside," says Hoenow. "The amount of work that has gone into Best Start is phenomenal, and to see it all go up in smoke would be

a shame."

In the backyard of the Minden daycare, a shed roof is strewn on the ground after collapsing under the weight of snow. An old oven is pulled from its sockets after breaking down. The light fixtures are in need of repair. Hoenow is continually left scrounging, through either selling chocolate bars or putting in his own labour, to keep things up to par.

If Harper goes ahead with his plan, there will be no discernable difference in the day-to-day lives of the daycares themselves. The anger comes from what they could have had.

"In this setting I'm like a school principal," says Hoenow. "When's the last time you saw a principal putting up light fixtures or yanking out a dusty old stove? Every daycare I've worked at is like this."

Although Harper finds himself in a minority government, it appears he is still in the driver's seat as far as his ambitions for childcare policy. Devolin says his party doesn't require legislation to rid itself of the Liberal plan and that the Conservative policy of \$1,200 payments can pass either in a stand-alone bill or as part of a broader budget package.

"I would find it hard to believe that anyone would vote against giving parents \$1,200 a year to help with their children," says Devolin.



Gord Hoenow, a daycare supervisor in Minden, says that the previous government's childcare plan would have made "an incredible difference".

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Death by fire

Tom Chambers died when responding to a fire 50 years ago this month, sparking the formation of a trained fire dep't

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Joe Iles was the last person to see Tom Chambers alive.

The two men had been called to a fire at the Bank of Montreal on Haliburton's main street. It was March 12, 1956, just before 11 o'clock at night. A passerby had noticed smoke and called the fire department, only it wasn't really a fire department as we know it today. There was a 1946 Dodge fire truck that Chambers

parked at his garage and a group of men who'd gather every time there was a fire.

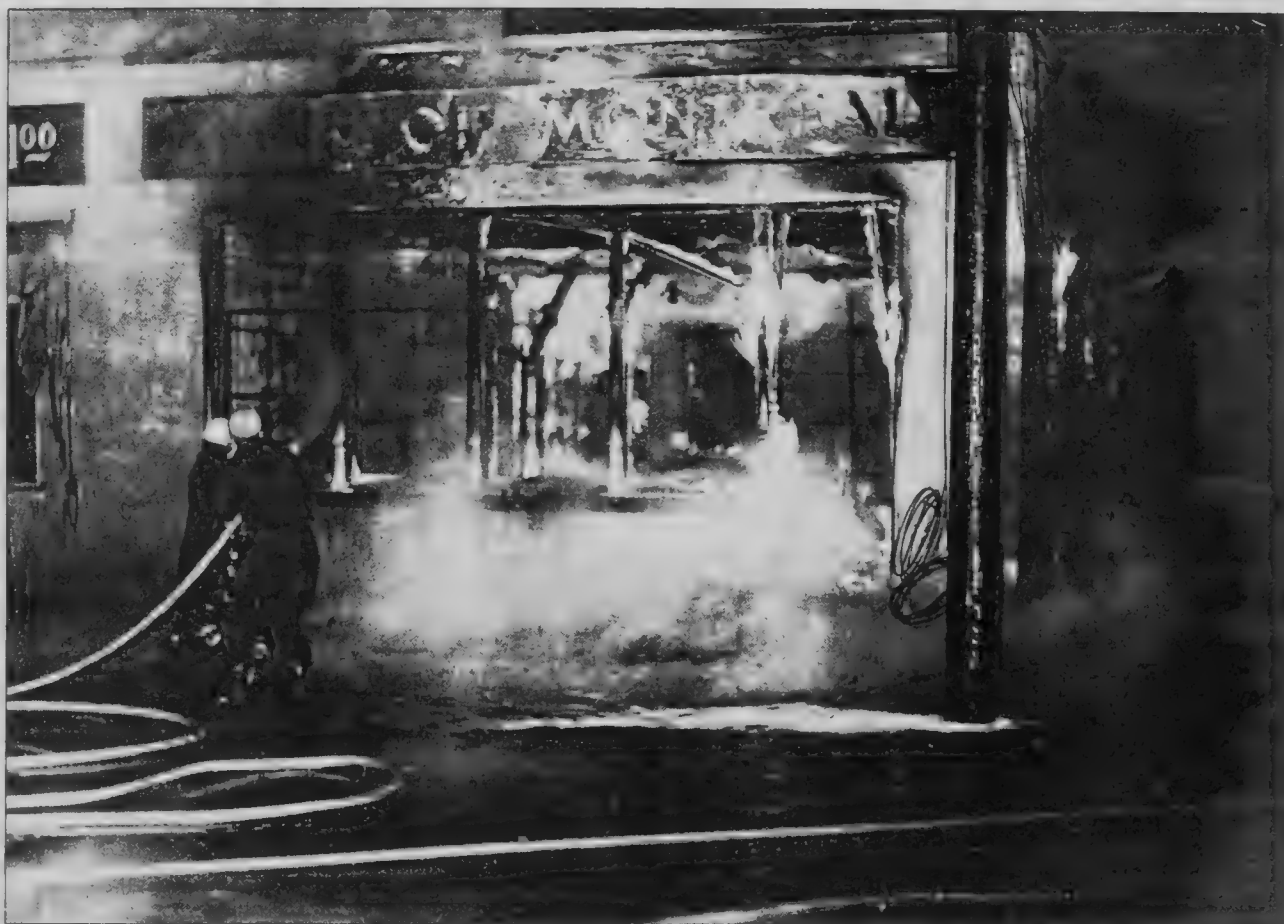
"There was no training, no nothing. You just volunteered," says Iles, who remembers when there wasn't even a truck, just buckets to be passed along a line of men.

As Robert Kirkpatrick writes in his book about Ontario firefighters who died on duty, *Their Last Alarm*, Chambers had been appointed chief of the fire brigade in 1946 in response to the chaos that had ensued after another fire call. No one had known where the town pumps were or how to operate them, so Dysart council paid Chambers \$50 a year to organize the brigade.

When the men arrived at the bank fire, no flames were visible on the main floor but there was smoke coming out of the basement, where the coal stove was kept.



Tom Chambers lost his life in the basement of the old Bank of Montreal in 1956.



With Tom Chambers' body trapped in the basement of the old Bank of Montreal (where V&S stands today), the Haliburton fire brigade tries to put out the fire. Ironically, although the bank was saved that time, it was destroyed in the Stedmans fire of 1986. Photos this page courtesy of Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Just the week before, Chambers had trained Iles how to use the pumper truck so it seemed natural that they would work together to try to stop the fire from spreading. Chambers grabbed the two and a half inch hose and dragged it to the basement. The only other piece of equipment he had was a World War II face mask which could filter the smoke but not provide oxygen.

Chambers, who was 52, was in the basement holding the hose. When the water was turned on, however, it came out with such unexpected force that he lost control of it and it whipped around uncontrollably. Iles couldn't see much in the dark, smoky room but he knew something was wrong when he felt a blast of water come his way.

"As soon as the water hit me I went back up the stairs," he says, reminiscing at the Kozy Korner with his friends who gather for a daily cup of coffee.

Kirkpatrick picks up the story: "Volunteer firefighter Boyd Robertson returned to the basement without the aid of any smoke mask and found the chief unconscious about eight feet away from the stairway. He attempted to drag him out but was unable to do so by himself and was forced out by the heavy smoke.

"Now unable to enter the building, volunteers tried using a grappling hook lowered from the basement

window but this also failed to bring the chief out. As rescue attempts continued, the fire grew in intensity and threatened the entire town. The Minden Fire Department arrived to help and pumped water from the lake to the Haliburton pumper.

"Help also came from the Fenelon Falls Fire Department as Fire Chief James Curtis and Doug Ellery loaded some breathing apparatus and other equipment onto a trailer and headed up to Haliburton. When they arrived they learned that Chief Chambers was still in the basement and the two men entered with their breathing apparatus and recovered the body of the chief four hours after the last attempt had failed. The last of the fire was not extinguished until daybreak."

It's not known whether Chambers was knocked unconscious by the flailing water hose or if he was overcome by the smoke.

"Tom had all kinds of nerve. He wasn't afraid of anything," remembers Len Salvatori, another member of the Kozy coffee club. Salvatori worked for Chambers at Chambers Motors and it was his job to drive north to a small town near Sudbury where Tom's son David was teaching to tell him the news. (A daughter, Phyllis, was away studying to be a nurse. Tom's wife, Catherine,

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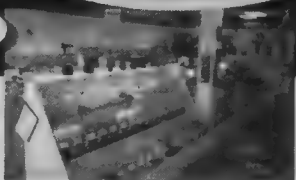
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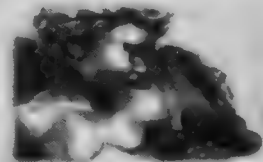
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Inquest demanded firefighters get proper equipment and training

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was a teacher at Victoria Street School.)

Several years ago, the *Echo* printed a photo of the old Bank of Montreal and it prompted Dave Chambers to write this letter about the early days of the Haliburton fire brigade and his father's role in it:

"The building which you show is the site of the beginning and ending of our father's firefighting career. It replaced an older and somewhat ramshackle one which burned in the spring of 1946, which had been a 5-and-10 cent store run by Mr. Thompson. On the occasion of that earlier fire, there was some confusion as to where the two fire pumps were located, and how to run them.

"Following this, a public meeting was held which resulted in our father, Tom Chambers, being appointed fire chief, at an annual salary of \$50. The other men on the fire department were unpaid volunteers.

"The fire pumps were placed on the back of a red half-ton pick-up truck, together with a large reel containing the hoses, and with the large take-up hoses on an overhead rack. This was normally kept in our father's place of business, Chambers Motors, which was located where Sharpley's Source for Sports is now. Shortly after that, a Buick ambulance was secured, and stored there also.

"Our father took a number of courses in firefighting, civil defence, and first aid, as did a number of other firemen. In those days there existed a civil defence map showing the roads in the province which would be open or closed in the event of an atomic attack. Because of his firefighting responsibilities, our father rarely took a holiday, except for hunting season, when he always managed to get away.

"A fire in December of 1949 burned down the Chambers Motors garage, and

resulted in a news bulletin which stated that the Haliburton Fire Station had burned down. The original ambulance was lost, but the small fire truck was housed in a nearby building and was saved.

"In the early 1950s, our father took a larger truck cab and frame to Woodstock where it was fitted with a built-on tank and a pump run by the truck motor."

After Tom Chambers' death, a coroner's inquest was held. Several recommendations were made, including one that required the municipality to train its volunteers.

Joe Iles was one of two captains of that first fire department, the other being Buck Baker. Sid Roberts was the fire chief and Jack Hunter was the deputy. There were 12 other men who underwent regular training.

Twenty-eight years ago, Miles Maughan joined the Haliburton Fire Department. Now the fire chief, as well as co-ordinator of the county's mutual aid association, he's seen many changes in his time.

"Now we're responsible for a variety of calls - medical, extraction, rescue and dealing with hazardous materials," he says. This evolved because there was no one else in the municipality to do the job.

Today there are 24 volunteer firefighters, including one woman, and a dispatcher. The department owns a million and a half dollars' worth of equipment: two tankers, one pumper, one rescue van, an auto extrication vehicle, a portable pump, a boat, a snowmobile, an ATV and a rescue sled.

Every Monday night the firefighters gather for a practice and training session, and there are other training courses held throughout the year.

"I feel that we're capable of responding to almost any type of emergency now," says Maughan. "Our response times are exceptional for a volunteer department."



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Joe Iles, who went into the basement of the Bank of Montreal with Tom Chambers, was able to get out alive. He went on to be one of the captains of the Dysart Fire Department, formed 50 years ago.

He gives credit to the dedication of the volunteers, but also to the understanding of their employers. As volunteers, they often have to leave their jobs as soon as the call comes in. Employers not only let them go but they're also understanding of the times when a firefighter, who might have been out on a call all night, comes in to work late.

The year that Maughan joined the fire department there were 77 calls. Last year there were 200.

While the fire department was born of a tragedy, it's not fires which cause the greatest amount of stress for the fire department's members. It's the car accidents and medical emergencies which

can be so tough to deal with since in a small town, the firefighters often know who's involved.

"We try to be careful but sometimes we respond and you find out it's your niece or someone you know really well. It's one of the toughest parts of the job, no doubt."

Chambers' death was felt throughout the village back in 1956. Well known and well liked, his death was not just the biggest news story of the day, it was a tragedy that everyone took personally.

As a final irony, although the Bank of Montreal building was saved back in 1956, it burnt to the ground as part of the Stedmans fire on August 24, 1986.

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With a flurry of goals in game four, and with an enthusiastic capacity crowd of home-town fans cheering them on, the Atom Storm clinched the all-Ontario CC championship in a convincing 9-1 waxing of the Dresden Jr. Kings on Saturday.

After getting the split in Dresden the previous weekend, the Storm Atoms, sponsored by M.W. Hunter Ltd. and Bancroft Market Place Storm, had to win two of three at home to clinch the National sports "just add ice" cup.

Friday night in Haliburton, game three of the series was kicked off by some great local talent in the opening ceremonies. Brian Sachs piped the precession out to centre ice. The bagpipes put a proud lump in Highlanders' throats and a tear in their eye.

After players from both teams were introduced by name onto the ice, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey welcomed the Dresden team and fans to our beautiful county and wished both teams the best-of luck. Then the two team captains were summoned to the face-off circle where hometown hockey hero, ex-NHLer Ron Stackhouse, delivered the ceremonial puck drop to a loud, excited crowd.

The national anthem was sung by Haliburton's own Lauren Snelgrove who, like an angel, had the whole arena teared up on her beautiful rendition of O Canada.

The game saw the home-town boys open up a 4-1 lead midway through the second period but with one second remaining on the clock the Jr. Kings scored, closing the gap to 4-2.

Ten seconds into the third the Jr. Kings stunned the Haliburton crowd by notching their third tally. Feeling the heat the Storm gang once again dug deep and scored a pair late in the third to take game three 6-3.

Returning some great hospitality, the Storm Atom team bought the Jr. Kings lunch at McKecks Saturday where Karen Frybort and her staff did an excellent job with a pre-game meal. After lunch the Jr. Kings took a boo from Skyline Park and were in awe because their landscape around Dresden is a flat as a pancake.

Just prior to game four, Bernie Upton and his zone champion Storm Novice team were brought out onto the ice for congratulations on their excellent season.

Before the game Atom coaches Dean Chaulk, Jeff Howe, John Ballantyne and Barry Boice reiterated to the boys the special opportunity that they were facing and how seizing that opportunity could result in a championship for the Highlands. Most minor hockey players never get this chance. Like a sponge the Storm Atoms sucked up the advice and came out like a house on fire dominating the Jr. Kings in every aspect of the game. As the fans and OMHA brass looked on the Highland Storm Atom Rep Team showed exactly what they were made of in the 9-1 championship-clinching victory.

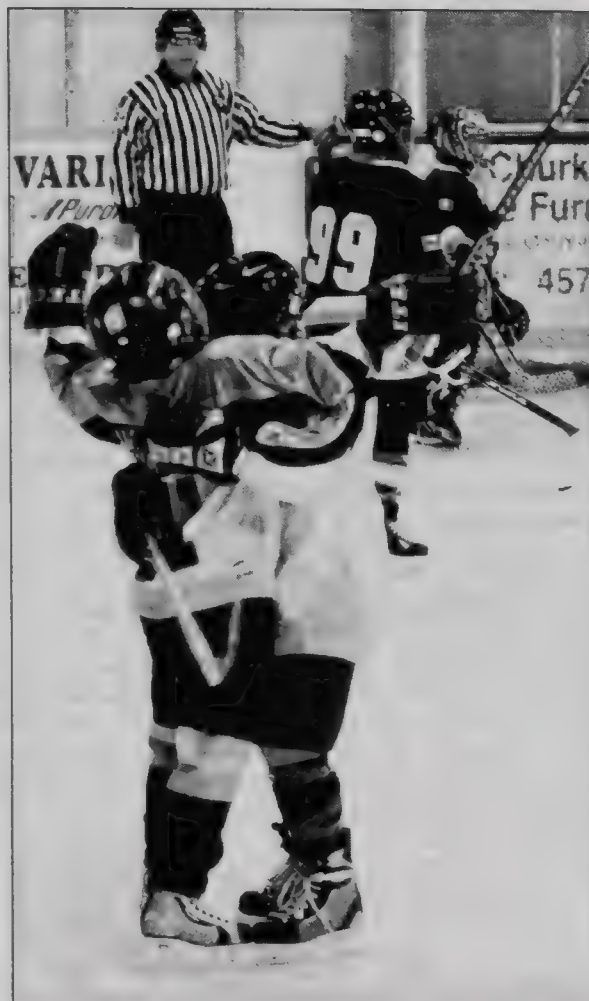
As the Storm team took a victory lap with the cup, then drank Kool-aid from it in the dressing room, I realized that for Mitch Byers, Zach Boice, Mike Nelson, Drew Hewitt, Ben Hicks, Tanner Ballantyne, Tanner Hamilton, Nick Hunter, Doni MacInnes, Jordan Howe, Kris Calvet, Stew Chaulk, Taylor Rowbotham, Jacob Harriens and our "ap" players Tyler Barry, Jordan Hamilton and Jake Sisson this was their Stanley Cup. Hats go off to the Dresden team and their fans for being good sports and classy role models for minor hockey.

In the fifth season since amalgamation the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association has its first OMHA all-Ontario championship title.

The Storm Atom players and parents would like to thank head coach Dean Chaulk for his philosophy of using all his players during the season and playoffs, solidifying the total team effort. Some local hockey teams in the past have bowed out early in the play-downs when coaches tried to win by playing the top 10 kids.

During the playoff run the Storm Atom Reps had 12 wins with three losses, outscoring their opponents 87-34 in just 15 games (wicked numbers).

The Storm Atoms would also like to thank the other coaches, parents, grandparents, all the people and businesses that donated to their team, Nancy Hunter for her excellent program work, 50-50 girls Janine and Julie, the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association for the pin and puck gifts for Dresden, the *Haliburton Echo*, *Minden*



BRYN WEESE/ECHO

After their 9-1 win on Saturday in Haliburton, two Atoms congratulate each other. More photos on page 16.

Times, the Moose and Canoe radio stations for their reports, the arena staffs and snack bar people, the gatekeepers, timekeepers, referees and music girls Jade MacInnes and Victoria Chaulk.

Back on October 18th 2005 in an *Echo* article it was said: "Come next March it is hoped the Atoms will be duking it out with some farm boys down around London Ontario for all the marbles." It is great when a team plan comes together and you win all the marbles.

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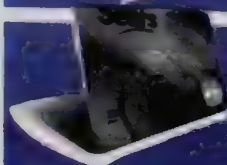
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There were nine reasons for the Storm to celebrate on Saturday after crushing the Dresden Jr. Kings in a score of 9 - 1 on Saturday, securing the Storm the all-Ontario Atom A championship. During the playoff run the Storm Atom Reps had 12 wins with three losses, outscoring their opponents 87-34 in just 15 games. The Atoms are the first team to win an all-Ontario title since the Halliburton Huskies and Minden Monarchs joined forces five years ago to form the Highland Storm.

BRYN WEESE/Echo



On March 26, the fans of the Highland Storm Novice team were witness to a fast-paced, nail-biting game. The Storm was up against Parry Sound in the final game of the Parry Sound/Muskoka championship round.

The Storm dominated the play but was unable to find the back of the net until the nine-minute mark, when Curtis Ballantyne put the Storm on the score board. Parry Sound answered the call with three minutes left in the first. Not to be left on even ground, the Storm ended the period with two quick goals courtesy of Will Stephenson and Devon Upton, with assists by Blake Wood and Hunter Bishop.

The second period was a tug of war. Logan Churko stood strong between the pipes. Strong defensive play by Joel Fedeski, Owen Flood, Connor Gadoway and Ballantyne kept Parry Sound at bay; however, with four minutes left, Parry Sound added another goal to the game sheet followed by a third two minutes later. With 14 seconds left on the clock, Ballantyne performed a perfect dance and scored with a beautiful top corner shot, leaving the Storm up by one at intermission.

Both teams came out flying in the third.

The energy was flowing and a palpable tension was coursing between the players; aggressive play put both teams on edge. At the 10-minute mark, Parry Sound evened the score. The Storm was able to keep them off of the board

for the remainder of the period with solid defense and aggressive back checking by the forward players.

With each team at four the game headed into a sudden victory overtime. The clock had 8:25 left on it when Parry Sound took a penalty for body contact; a beautiful pass from Bishop ended the game 10 seconds later when Upton once again found nothing but net.

The Storm won the Parry Sound/Muskoka championship with a 5-4 victory.

This Highland Storm Novice team ended a 43-game season with 36 wins, six losses and one tie. Goals for totalled 275 with 123 goals against. They were first place in the Parry Sound/Muskoka league play with 16 wins, one loss and one tie. In exhibition and tournament play: nine wins, three losses. The championship round ended with three wins and one loss. Eastern Ontario playdowns ended with eight wins and one loss.

The proud champions of this team are Logan Churko, Braedan Roberts, Braydin Hollows, William Stephenson, Blake Wood, Devon Upton, Hunter Bishop, Connor Gadway, Curtis Ballantyne, Joel Fedeski, Owen Flood, coaching staff, Bernie Upton, Dave Hollows, John Fedeski, Brent Flood and Manager Don Stephenson.

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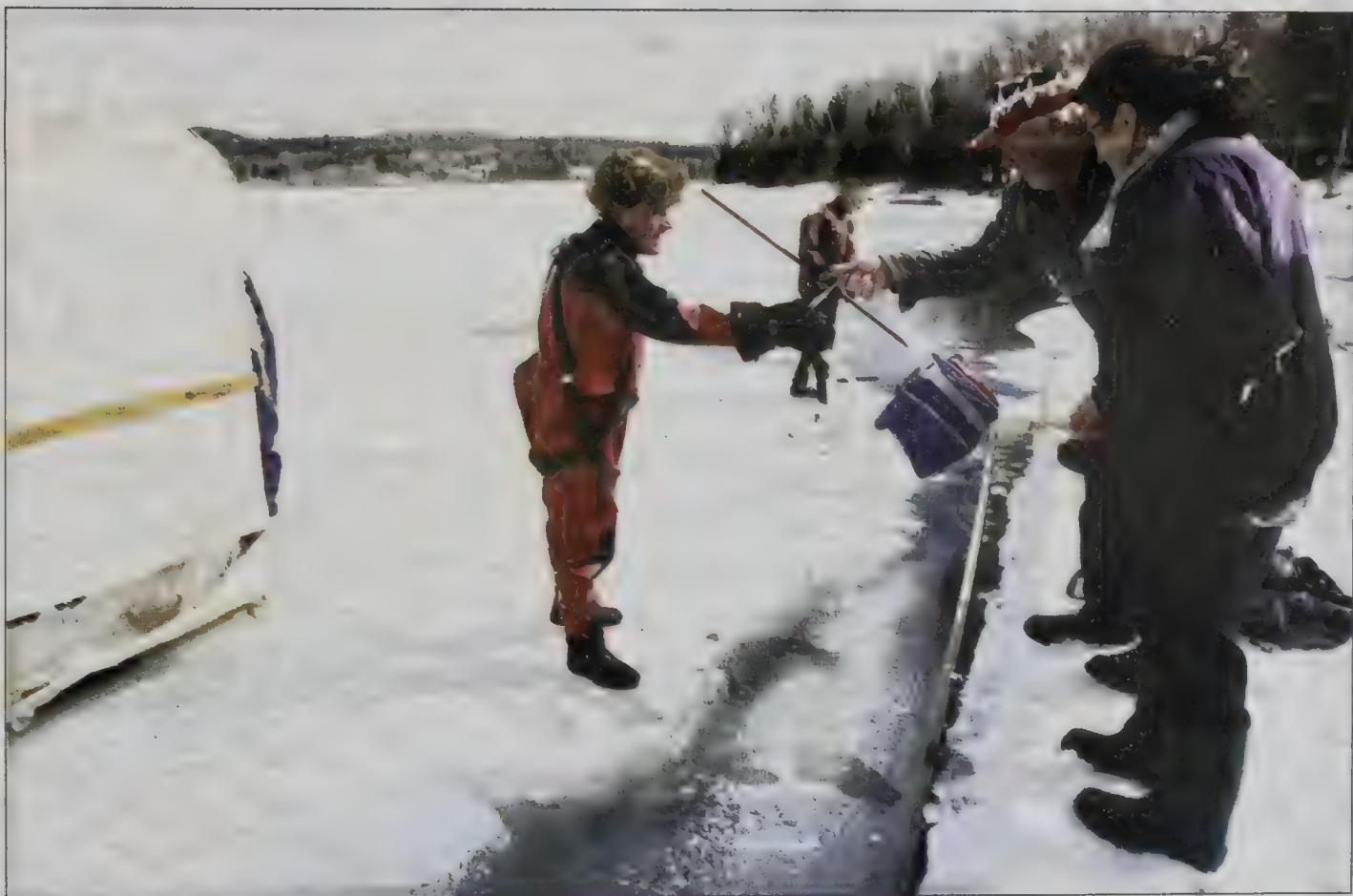
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Top: Ryan Reesor leads the tug team pulling the snowmobile belonging to a friend of Margaret Harris and Art Latimer out of Lake Kashagawigamog. The couple, left of Reesor, fell through the ice at Birch Narrows. Above: Harris credits her lucky hat with helping her survive the plunge. Right: The Diving Co. owner Tony Aymong passes Latimer and Harris their lunch bag, recovered from the fishing hut.

Rescuer had to go out on thin ice to save couple

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"The first thing you do is yell for help, and the yells for help got Audrey Holden out."

"I was in my bedroom and I heard the ice cracking," Holden says, "and I thought 'Someone's gone in the lake.' So I ran and told my husband to call 911. I got my life ring and ran outside and proceeded to be clumsy. It was tangled and it straightened itself out. I threw it out and threw it out."

But the rope holding the life ring was too short to reach the struggling pair. That's when Holden stepped onto the ice to improve her chances of rescuing them.

"She had a hard time getting close to us," Harris said, "and we told her to stay far back so she didn't fall in. But she persisted."

"Finally," Holden added, "it got to them. It seemed like forever."

"And then we had a domestic dispute," Harris joked,

"arguing about who should take it: 'You take it.' 'No, you take it, plug, plug.' 'No, you take it, plug, plug...' It's true love."

With few other homes in the area, Harris and Latimer were lucky Holden heard their calls for help. Their near-death experience spurred a decision to make their relationship official.

"Today, we set a date for our wedding," Harris said on Thursday as their snowmobile was being rescued from the chilly bottom of the lake by Tony Aymong and his crew of divers. "We figure we'd better get it done. We've been living in sin for two years, and we moved up here to get married. Now it's going to get done August 5th. I think we'll use the fish hut as the altar."

Recalling their close call, Latimer would be more careful next time.

"I was too busy to think much," he said. "But it sure was scary how stupid you can be. I should have known better. Everything I was wearing was very water

absorbent — this (lumberjack) jacket and sweat pants."

Harris has some advice for others with huts still on local bodies of water.

"The ice isn't as safe as people think it is this year," she said. "Huts have to be off by March 31. I suggest people might want to check a little earlier this year. The ice is already breaking off the shore. Usually it's three or four feet thick."

She also praised her rescuers.

"The fire and rescue squad was just amazing," she said. "But if it wasn't for Audrey calling 911, I don't know who would have heard us. I have to say something about small communities. I don't think many people in the city would have done what she did."

Helping strangers, Holden said, "is just something that has to happen. I'll be upgrading my equipment, though. When you live on waterfront, it's partly your responsibility to be on the lookout for this sort of thing."

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Ben Ferreira joins Haliburton figure skaters on ice

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The club is very excited to announce that Ben Ferreira will be the guest skater. Ferreira has been on the Skate Canada Senior National Team for eight years winning the Canadian Senior Men's bronze medal twice and the silver medal at the Canadian Championships in 2004. That was a particularly rewarding night as it took place in his home town of Edmonton. He has also competed at numerous international events including twice at the

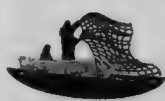
World Championships and at the 2002 Olympics where he finished fifteenth.

Ferreira did not start skating until age 12 after he watched his sisters skate. He landed his first triple axel at 16 and his first quad at 20. He landed the first-ever triple axel in the short program in Juniors at Canadians in 1996, a triple axel, double toe loop and is especially proud of that accomplishment. He trained for many years at the Royal Glenora Club in Edmonton and moved to Barrie to train with Doug and Michelle Leigh in 2002.

Ferreira conducted a seminar for local skaters here in Haliburton a couple of years ago as part of the Eastern Ontario Skater Development program and was a huge

hit. His knowledge and expertise are extensive and imparted in a friendly manner to young athletes eager to learn. Married last summer to choreographer Jadene Fullen, and just recently retired from competitive skating, Ferreira is now coaching at the Bradford and King City Skating Clubs as well as the Mariposa School of Skating.

Be sure to attend this year's carnival at the Haliburton Arena, not only to see Ferreira but also to watch the local skaters strut their stuff in African Rhythms. There are two shows, a matinee at 2 p.m. and an encore 7 p.m.. Tickets are available at Highland Images, the arena snack bar or at the door. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students. Children younger than three are free.



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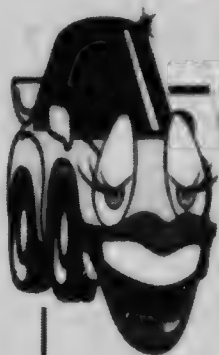
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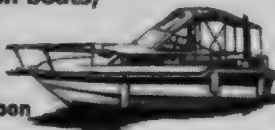
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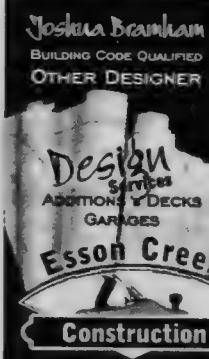


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Responsibilities will include the collection of tipping fees, directing the public on recycling programs and the proper disposal locations within the landfill site, as well as general cleanup around the site.

The successful applicants must be returning to school in September. Education in Environmental Studies would be considered an asset.

Recruitment is conditional on funding approval.

Applicants are invited to apply to the undersigned by noon, Monday, April 3, 2006.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Dysart et al
135 Maple Avenue
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Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0
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Email: tmckelvey@county.haliburton.on.ca

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

CASE MANAGER/COORDINATOR TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH PROGRAM (FULL-TIME)

Tri-County Community Support Services' Transitional Age Youth (TAY) program is expanding to serve Complex Care Special Needs transitional age youth and requires a full-time case manager/coordinator.

The TAY Case Manager/Coordinator will be responsible for the case management of youth in private placements and the coordination and planning for youth 14 years plus who will move from children's to adult developmental services at age 18.

Applicants should possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree in the social sciences, five years direct experience working with individuals with an intellectual delay in a variety of settings, have superior organizational and communication skills, a solid knowledge of computerized administration systems, a creative and collaborative leadership style, and a comprehensive knowledge of community resources and relevant legislation.

Behavioural management and group home experience would be an asset.

As this position requires extensive driving, a valid driver's license and a reliable vehicle are required.

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Please forward a résumé with covering letter no later than April 14, 2006 to:

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We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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If the diet roller-coaster is taking you for a ride, it's time to put on the brakes and turn over a new 'leaf.'

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is offering its popular healthy lifestyle class for the first time in Haliburton County. The Learn Eating and Activity Forever (LEAF) class is led by a registered dietitian and is open to anyone who wants to find achievable solutions to maintaining a healthy body weight.

• **WHAT:** Learn Eating and Activity Forever Series (free to the public)

• **WHEN:** Begins April 11, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm (depending on demand, time may run in afternoon.) It continues over the next three Tuesdays: April 18, April 25 and May 2.

• **WHERE:** Health Unit office in Haliburton Village (191 Highland St., Unit 301)

• **HOW TO JOIN:** Pre-register by calling the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.

The LEAF series gives participants hands-on solutions to achieving a healthier body weight. There are four weekly classes in the series. Practical tips on how to eat well, be more active and move towards a healthier lifestyle will also be discussed.

The LEAF classes are offered free-of-charge and have proven popular with dozens of other participants when the Health Unit offered them in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County.

"The scientific evidence is mounting that diets don't work, yet many people still consider diets the holy grail of healthy living," says Rosie Kadwell, a registered dietitian with the HKPR District Health Unit.

She notes this is far from the case. "As we all know," Kadwell adds, "healthy eating and being active are the real answers to a healthier lifestyle and the LEAF class will give practical ways in which to apply that."

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Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a detailed resume to the undersigned by noon on Monday, April 3, 2006.

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A record-setting 300 players gathered at the Haliburton Legion and arena on Friday, March 24 to contest the 2006 Trillium Lakelands District School Board chess championship.

There was a lot at stake in the competition, with the top three players in each division advancing to the provincial finals and the overall team championship to be won.

The Grade 1 winner, Cameron Ryan Morrison of Langton Public School, fought off Jacob Bishop of Stuart Baker Elementary by drawing a match final round and grabbing the title.

Last year's Grade 1 champ, Joseph Patrick of Stuart Baker Elementary, returned this year and posted another perfect score to take the Grade 2 division.

Meanwhile in the Grade 3 division, an impressive field of 56 players battled over the black and white with Tao Orion of Lady Mackenzie Public School in Kirkfield winning the division by posting a perfect five wins with no losses.

The Grade 4 division was owned by the team from J.D. Hodgson Elementary in Haliburton. Nathan Feir, Del Meyers, Tom Paul and Sam Tyler were perfect at the board and remained undefeated at the end of the



Jennifer Woolacott, a Grade 6 student at Wilberforce Elementary School, ponders her next move.

day. A round-robin back at school will have to break the tie amongst the four players.

In Grade 5, Ali Hicks of JDHES brought home the championship by virtue of her perfect score among one the strongest fields of players in the tournament. William Starling of Parkview in Lindsay was a close second.

It took a tiebreaker to settle the Grade 6 results. At the end of play Zac Ritter of Fenelon Township and Ryan Galea of Wilberforce were tied with 4.5 points each. Because of the late hour a tiebreaker determined that Zac would get the trophy. Both boys posted best-ever results for their schools, showing that the quality of play in the district is now very competitive.

In Grade 7, Cole West-Blair of a surprising powerful Bracebridge Public School defeated Tommy McIlmoyle of Scott Young Public School in Omemee in round two and went on to win the title, with Tommy coming second.

Kenny Cunningham of Bracebridge Public School was this year's Grade 8 champion. He met top-ranked Caitlin McNab in the final round and handed her an upset defeat to take the trophy.

J.D. Hodgson Elementary narrowly won the team trophy and defended its team title. The team standings were the closest ever. In the end, it was the strong Grade 4 showing that proved to be the difference for JDHES. Langton was a close second and Scott Young took third. The team standings are calculated by adding the team's total points in its best four grades.

Top three results (all qualify for provincial championships)

Grade 1

1. Cameron Ryan Morrison, Langton P.S., 4.5 pts.
2. Jacob Bishop, Stuart Baker Elementary, 4 pts. (tiebreak)
3. Owen Pounder, Langton P.S., 4 pts.

Grade 2

1. Joseph Patrick, Stuart Baker Elementary, 5 pts.
2. Zoe Orion, Lady Mackenzie P.S., 4 pts.
3. Blake Oswald, Alexandra P.S., 3.5 pts.

Grade 3

See J.D. Hodgson page 22



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: April 10th, 2006

TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are a part of an original road allowance, allowance for road or shoreline road allowance, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

1. Applicant: 1585158 Ontario Ltd.
Location: Miskwabi Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 20, Concession 3, Township of Dudley.
 - Defined as Parts 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Greg Bishop, OLS., being available for review in the Planning Department.
2. Applicant: Baker/Yake
Location: Haliburton Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance/Road Allowance on Plan 362
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 15, Concession 7, and Part of the Allowance for Road on Registered Plan 362, Township of Harburn.
 - Defined as Parts 1, 2, 6, 7, 12 & 13 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Greg Bishop, OLS., being available for review in the Planning Department.
3. Applicant: Barnett
Location: Drag Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 6, Concession 10, Township of Dudley.
 - Defined as Parts 1 & 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
4. Applicant: Black
Location: Drag Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 5, Concession 9, Township of Dudley.
 - Defined as Parts 1 & 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
5. Applicant: Burroughs
Location: Haliburton Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance/Original Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 14, Concession 4, and Part of the Original Allowance for Road Between Concessions 4 & 5, Township of Harburn.
 - Defined as Parts 1 & 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 23rd day of March, 2006.

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from page 21

1. Tao Orion, Lady Mackenzie P.S., 5 pts.
2. William Harvey, Bracebridge Public School, 4.5 pts.
3. Willie Dawe, Alexandra P.S., 4.5 pts. (tiebreak)

Grade 4

4-way tie: Nathan Feir, Del Meyers, Sam Tyler, Tom Paul, all 5 pts, all J.D. Hodgson Elementary.

Grade 5

1. Ali Hicks, J.D. Hodgson Elementary 5 pts.
2. William Starling, Parkview P.S., 4.5 pts.
3. DJ Porter, Scott Young Public School, 4 pts.

Grade 6

1. Zachary Ritter, Fenelon Township P.S., 4.5 pts. (tiebreak)
2. Ryan Galea, Wilberforce Elementary, 4.5 pts.
3. Meggie Good, Macaulay P.S., 4 pts.

Grade 7

1. Cole West-Blair, 5 pts.
2. Tommy Mcilmoyle, Scott Young Public

School, 4 pts. (tiebreak)
3. Jessica Kennedy, J.D. Hodgson Elementary, 4 pts.

Grade 8

1. Kenny Cunningham, Bracebridge Public School, 5 pts.
2. Caitlin Macnab, Langton P.S., 4 pts. (tiebreak)
3. Doug Skead, J.D. Hodgson Elementary, 4 pts.

Team Results 2006 TLDSB Chess Championships

J.D. Hodgson ES: 56.5 points
Langton PS: 51.5
Scott Young PS: 45
Parkview PS: 44
Alexandra PS: 43
Ridgewood PS: 43
Stuart Baker ES: 43
Fenelon Township ES: 39.5
Bracebridge PS: 37
Archie Stouffer ES: 36.5
Lady Mackenzie PS: 31
Muskoka Beechgrove PS: 30.5
Wilberforce ES: 28
Monck PS: 24
King Albert PS: 12.5
Macaulay PS: 10
Mariposa PS: 6.5



Allison Paul had better not try to play poker. You can tell what the Grade 1 Stuart Baker Elementary School Student is thinking just by looking at her face. Photo, Martha Perkins.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND TENDERS

The TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD invites interested Contractors to submit Proposals and Stipulated Prices for any or all of the Projects in the District of Muskoka and the County of Haliburton listed below.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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| 1. Replace Fire Alarm System | Minden |
| 2. Rooftop Exhaust Fan Replacement | Various |
| 3. Replace Soffit and Fascia | Huntsville |
| 4. Replace Exterior Lights | Bracebridge |
| 5. Renovate Staffroom | Gravenhurst |
| 6. Install new Grid Ceilings | Bracebridge, Huntsville, Gravenhurst |
| 7. Install Ceramic Flooring | Dwight, Haliburton, Bracebridge, Gravenhurst |
| 8. Refinish Gymnasium Floors | Port Sydney, Bracebridge, Dwight, Minden |
| 9. VRT Flooring | Various |
| 10. Replace Carpet | Various |
| 11. Replace doors and windows | Various |
| 12. Exterior Cladding | Wilberforce, Severn Bridge |
| 13. Supply of Paint and Sundries | Bracebridge |

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Documents and description of the work for each project may be obtained from the Central Services Office, 1281 Cedar Lane, Bracebridge.

Contact person - Craig Young, P.Eng., Senior Manager of Plant;

TELEPHONE: 705-645-7765
FAX: 705-645-6605

Proposals and Prices shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to the attention of:
Craig Young, P.Eng.,
Senior Manager of Plant,
Trillium Lakelands District School Board
Cedar Lane Central Services Facility,
1281 Cedar Lane,
Bracebridge, Ontario

Tenders and Proposals close at various dates and times as outlined in the Documents.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submissions at its sole discretion.

D. Monahan
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Director

BETTER TOGETHER



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Thursday April 13th, 2006
• **TIME:** 11:00 am.
• **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-06-002 – Robert and Paula Bassan
• Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a seasonal dwelling and to legally recognize the location of an existing private cabin.
• Permit a private cabin to have a loft.
• Permit a private cabin to be located in a front yard abutting a shoreline.
• Decrease the minimum side lot line setback for a seasonal dwelling in the WR4L zone to 4.5 feet from the east side lot line.
• Location: Part Lot 10, Concession 3, Lot 4, Plan 511, Dudley Township (1025 Precipice Road – Long Lake).
2. D13-MV-06-003 – Gary Vasey
• Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a single family dwelling.
• Increase the permitted maximum height for a single family dwelling in the WR3 zone to 37 feet.
• Location: Part Lot 6, Concession 13, Part 9, Plan 19R-7405 and Parts 1 & 2, Plan 19R-7704, Guilford Township (Soap Pond Road – Kennisis Lake).
3. D13-MV-06-004 – Frank and Maryanne Desroche
• Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a single family dwelling.
• Decrease the minimum side lot line setback for a single family dwelling in the WR2 zone to 12 feet from the east and west side lot line.
• Location: Part Lot 16, Concession 4, Lot 6, Plan 477, Guilford Township (Eagle Lake Road – Cranberry Lake).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Note: By-law 2005-120, as amended is a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Municipality of Dysart et al, passed by Council on December 12th, 2005. Once By-law 2005-120, as amended is in full force and effect, it will replace the current Comprehensive Zoning By-law, By-law 77-32, as amended. Until that time, by-law amendments and minor variances must be passed to both zoning by-laws.

Date: March 27th, 2006

Patricia Martin, BES, MCIP, RPP
Secretary – Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



What makes news? That's a question that Sharon Lawrence and other members of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network tried to answer when Canadian Press editor Paul Woods, in background, held a workshop at BonnieView Inn on Saturday. For details, see Wilberforce News. Photo, Martha Perkins.

Artwork was an unexpected gift

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Hilda Clark
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Receiving an unexpected gift is almost always a joyful experience. When it is not for a special occasion such as an anniversary or birthday, when it is a gift from the heart, when it is a gift that took two months to create, it is even more touching and very special.

That is how the people of St. Margaret's felt when Mr. Fred Tuesink came to church and presented a piece of his art on Sunday, March 26, at morning prayer. This work of Fred's hands, heart and his favourite scroll saw is a delicate, intricate presentation of the Lord's Prayer.

The words and decorative elements were sawn from blond Baltic birch (from Norway) in what is known as fret work. Fred chose a backing of red mahogany-stained mahogany plywood on which to mount with glue his work. This creates a good contrast allowing easy reading of the prayer, on the thirty by thirty-six inch plaque.

Fred Tuesink and his wife Brenda moved to Wilberforce in 1993 when for health reasons he retired early from his work as a greenhouse operator. One often sees Fred, can in hand, taking a break from his new found hobby, and walking his dog. Though now experiencing arthritis in addition to hip joint difficulties he has had since birth, Fred keeps his hands and mind lovingly occupied creating a great variety of fret work pieces. He works with black and red cherry wood as well as butternut and bird's eye maple. Often boards are given to him which then have to be planed and sometimes need drying before the work of sawing can begin.

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included 150 types of lettering. He has even created some of his own designs. Look for and enjoy his work at arts and craft sales in the area.

Bruce Gibbs thanked Mr. Tuesink for his fine gift to the church. The people of St. Margaret's are delighted to receive this gift created by a man who enjoys working with wood, a gift portraying the words of Jesus, former carpenter of Nazareth the one known prayer given to his disciples and to the world. Thanks Fred.

The Wilberforce Writers' Circle will meet on Thursday, April 6. Writers, please meet at the House in the Village, 2293 Loop Rd. for this session. Coffee and muffins at 9:30. There will be a time for writing at 10 a.m. followed by an opportunity to share until noon. This is a small group that changes from month to month. Please extend the invitation to anyone who likes to write - stories, poems, scripts. Come out and write.

Curling wraps up for the season this week. Most leagues are into playoffs. The Seniors leagues played their last games followed by lunch on Wednesday. The Men's Keith Cameron Bonspiel this weekend March 31 and April 1 will be

the last 'spiel of an enjoyable season of curling in Wilberforce. Hurry! Hurry! Sweep into spring. Swing into golf and gardens.

A choir has been formed at the Wilberforce United Church. It made its debut on Sun., Mar. 26 singing "Let There Be Peace On Earth".

A workshop led by Paul Woods of Canadian Press was presented at Bonnie View Inn on Saturday, March 25. This was organized by the Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network to assist writers in understanding the elements of a newsworthy story. Paul Woods of the Canadian Press news agency has an extensive background in journalism, teaching as well as writing. There was a stimulating exercise in which participants got to play editor, discussing potential feature stories.

Paul was joined in an informal discussion by Martha Perkins, Managing Editor of the *Echo* and *Minden Times* and Melody Richardson, freelance writer for 20 years, eleven of them with *Windsor Star*, now living in Huntsville. As Melody commented in an e-mail to HHWEN, "the venue was perfect, the conversation was scintillating and the workshop inspiring."



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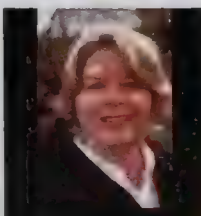
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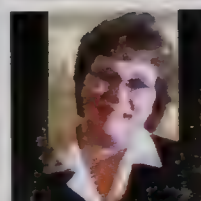


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Gerald Irish

Your branch is still going strongly and your executive members are keeping very busy.

I apologize for not writing this article on a more regular basis but I have been busy doing intensive training for the role of supervisor (crew leader) of the coming Census 2006 and have not been able to attend to all other duties.

At the general meeting of March 9, the following donations were approved: Junior Naturalists Club of Haliburton, \$500; The Arthritis Society, \$100; Family Services for their Summer Camp Fund, \$500; Haliburton Highland Games, \$1,000 and Canadian Amputee Sports Association, \$200.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Jazz Band was offered the use of our hall, facilities and members expertise for a bingo to assist them with their fund raising.

At the same meeting Ways and Means Chairman Carla Watson reported on some upcoming events such as Easter meat draw on April 7, barbecue raffle on Saturday May 20, and a yard sale on May 24 weekend.

1st Vice President Jack Greavette chaired this meeting and did an admirable job, answering questions and not allowing discussions to prolong. During the meeting three new members were initiated and we welcome them as members of Branch 129: Wm. Henderson, John Briggs and Brendan White.

On Sunday, March 19, 12 members of Br. 129 attended the zone convention in Bobcaygeon. Your branch had the second largest number in attendance, bested only by the host branch. During the convention arrangements for the Branch 129 May 11 elections were finalized and we learned of other ways of raising funds for your branch from examples given.

More than 30 Legionnaires from Bobcaygeon came by bus to visit the branch on Saturday, March 25. What a fun afternoon it was! Our visitors were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by Dorothy Baker and Carla Watson. Entertainment Chairman Paul Brohm arranged for classical guitarist Ed de Silva to provide background music. Some of your executive officers were in attendance to meet and greet our fellow Legionnaires.

We were stunned to learn that one of our dedicated Cadet officers, Mike Brodhagen, had suffered a heart attack but were very pleased to hear that he is at home and on the mend. Way to go, Mike.

Another dedicated and lifelong supporter of Legion is very ill. We wish Bruce McKay all the best. Bruce; You are in our thought and prayers. My wife and I have had

the privilege of working on executives with Bruce and have always admired his quiet, unassuming ways and his unwavering devotion to Branch 129.

I would like to leave you with this quotation from a book I am currently reading, *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden and I encourage you to consider it carefully:

"We lead our lives like water flowing down a hill, going more or less in one direction until we splash into something that forces us to find a new course."

If I had never met certain individuals, my life would have been just like a stream flowing in one boring course, continuously to the ocean. What about you?

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- **Mar. 29:** Join Community Care and the Wheels to Meals program for lunch at Win Yeung's Restaurant in Haliburton. If you would like to make your reservation, please call Ida at 457-2941.
- **Mar. 29:** The newly formed Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition (HHCC) would like to invite all who are interested in cycling to a Membership & Planning evening on Mar. 29 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Sir Sandford Fleming College. The HHCC met for the first time last fall 2005 to discuss common issues to cyclists and how to best address them in Haliburton County. We would like an opportunity to share with you what our coalition has been working on, but we also want to give you an opportunity to share with us your ideas on how to shape the future of the HHCC.
- **Mar. 29 to May 31:** A 10 week Family Education Program is available Free to family members and caregivers of someone with a mental illness. We will meet at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Wed., evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. from Mar. 29 through to May 31. Please call 888-454-8874 or e-mail fcn@nexuscom.net A.S.A.P. for more information and/or to register. An ongoing monthly support group is also being arranged, please indicate our interest in this opportunity at the time of your call.
- **Mar. 30:** R.C.L. Branch 129 Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary will hold their General Meeting at 1 p.m. There will be a guest speaker. Members please try to attend.
- **Mar. 30:** Haliburton County Vet Services - Annual Meeting, Thurs., Mar. 30th, 7 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Mar. 30:** Learn how to read food labels by attending Free Label reading workshop lead by Registered Dietitian Rosie Kadwell at 10:30 a.m. For more information or to sign up call 457-1391 x 245.
- **Mar. 31:** St. George's Anglican Church - My walk with God in Africa by Evelyn Beeby, Fri., Mar. 31 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments. Free will offering.
- **Mar. 31 & Apr. 1:** Fabric Sale! Victoria's Quilts is holding a fabric sale as a fundraiser. Top quality cottons at an affordable price. Fri., Mar. 31, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat., Apr. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., upstairs at Loblaws in Lindsay. You won't want to miss this sale.
- **Apr. 1:** Maplefest "All you can eat" - Pancake/Sausage brunch and bake sale, Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lochlin United Church, Lochlin Road off County Road 1 (Gelert Road). The best deal in town! Real Haliburton Maple Syrup, of course.
- **Apr. 2:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Subway Development.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Now until May 29/06:** Adult Badminton - Mondays 8 to 10 p.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness. Phone 286-1765
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Community Care** has a trip planned for May 24 to the World Premier performance of The Lord of the Rings. This trip includes transportation by highway coach, tickets in row D, E, & F in the dress circle section of the Princess of Wales Theatre, and a delicious dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant. To travel with Community Care you must be a Trip Club Member, please call 457-2941.
- **Wednesdays - Aquasize classes** have now begun. Community Care still has spots open for the Wednesday classes. Enjoy low impact exercises in the water. Classes are one hour in length and take place at the Wigamog Inn. Please call Ida for more information 457-2941.
- **Indoor walking** as a health promoting activity from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Walkers meet outside the custodian's office. No charge. For more info call Morris, 286-6079.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

Legion announces winners in public speaking contest

On Sunday, February 26, the Haliburton Legion hosted its annual Public Speaking Contest. This year 15 speakers represented four different levels of competition. The audience enjoyed an afternoon of humorous and serious speeches. Every speaker is to be commended for his or her excellent work, both in the preparation and presentation of their speeches.

Sincere thanks goes to the teachers and administrative staff at Stuart Baker Elementary School, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and the Haliburton Highland Secondary School for promoting and organizing time for the students to prepare their speeches. The Legion also thanks the parents who took the time to work with, to support and encourage their children in this endeavour.

Without volunteers there would not be a public speaking contest. Gerry Irish was Master of Ceremonies; the judges, who had the most difficult task of all, were Jerry Palmer, Paul Johnson, Suzanne Sovereign and David Sovereign. Thanks also to Legion members who volunteered their help.

They included Ethel Galvin, Billy Pickard, Ed Pickard, Wilf Guenette, Bill Scott, Jean Fletcher, Joan Irish and Dorothy Baker. The opening ceremony

was conducted by President Jean Fletcher.

The following is a list of the results in the various categories:

Grades 1, 2 and 3

The winner was Rebecca Kidd.

Grades 4, 5 and 6:

Speakers were Jessica Bishop, Quinn Schell, Kate Denniston, Ali Hicks, Caitlin Griffin, Brittney Graham.

The Winners were: Jessica Bishop, Caitlin Griffin and Ali Hicks.

Grades 7, 8 and 9

Speakers were: Megan McDuff, Matthew McDermott, Riley Maracle, Dan Wright, Joshua Wright, Jenny Henwood, Andrea Louzon.

The winners were: Riley Maracle, Joshua Wright and Dan Wright.

Grades 10, 11 and 12

The winner was: David Wright.

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Description of Lands

Roll No. 46 01 901 000 07800 0000, Part Lot 2 Concession 1, geographic Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton (No. 19) designated as Parcel 36 on C. Riley, O.L.S. Plan October 20, 1969 as described in Instrument No. 48364. File No. 04-01
Minimum Tender Amount \$ 3377.80

Roll No. 46 01 902 000 37100 0000, The C.N.R. Right-Of-Way, as shown in green on plan attached to Instrument No. 22702, passing through Lot 35 Concession 6, geographic Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton (No. 19) save and except the easterly 1,050 feet previously conveyed and save and except the mineral reservations as referred to in Instrument No. 22702, as described in Instrument No. 31008. File No. 04-04
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Roll No. 46 01 902 000 05050 0000, Part Lot 12 Concession 6, geographic Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton (No. 19) designated Part 2 on Plan 19R-3099. File No. 04-06
Minimum Tender Amount \$ 3323.54

Roll No. 46 01 901 000 66801 0000, Part Lot 25 Concession 5, geographic Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton (No. 19) designated Part 1 on Plan 19R-5916. File No. 04-07
Minimum Tender Amount \$ 2731.18

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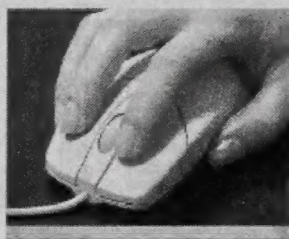
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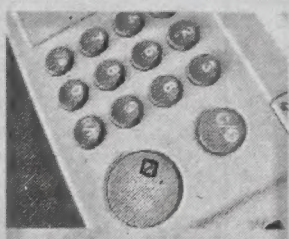
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The Highland Heritage Committee would like to sincerely thank the Loop Troupe Northern Jam, and The North Hastings High School Improv group for donating their time and incredible talents to our successful fundraising weekend. The performances were wonderful, the room was packed and the laughter was infectious. A special thank you to the Loop Troupe for getting the ball rolling with their offer to put a play on in the Highland Grove. With community spirit like this, we'll get our museum open yet!

Deaths

PEARSON, Murray Dennis, (retired employee of General Motors after 30 years of service) entered into rest peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, in Lindsay on Saturday March 25, 2005 in his 67 year. Murray was the beloved of Jennifer (Last) of Lindsay. Loving father of Christopher and his wife Loreen of Edmonton, Stephen and Kerry and her husband Larry Heggie both of Lindsay. Murray will be cherished by his 8 grandchildren. Dear brother of Everett and his wife Dorothy, Jim and his wife Shelia and Joyce Mahaffey. Predeceased by his sister Eva Silver, and brothers Ken and Ron Pearson and Herb Sherman. Friends are invited to call at the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street Lindsay on Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday March 29 from 2:00 p.m. until time of complete funeral in the chapel at 3:00 p.m. Interment to follow cremation at Riverside Cemetery. If desired memorial donations to the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation, would be appreciated by the family.

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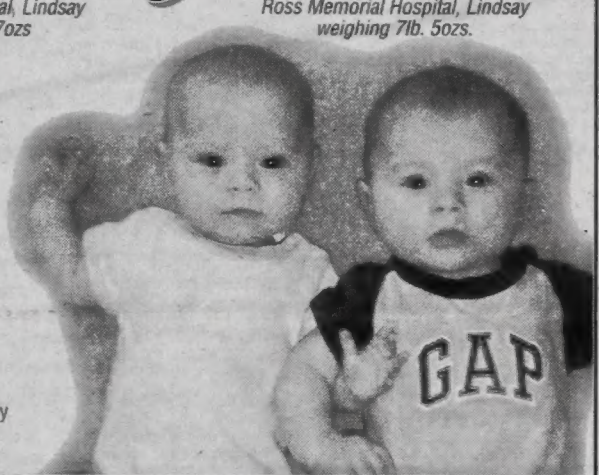
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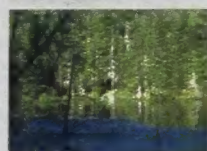


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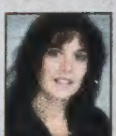


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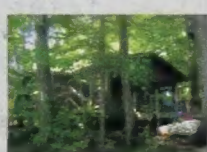


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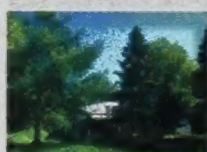


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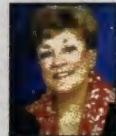


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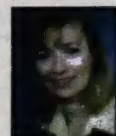


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